

Minutes Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting 2 April 2007

Present:

John Askew	Sunset Ridge Alpacas
Chris Gilman	Riverside Alpacas
Steve McCarthy	Spruce Ridge Farm
Ann Merriwether	Nyala Farm Alpacas

Absent:

Richard Jonassen	Alpacas of Rain Dance Pond
Susan Wissick	Oh, My! Alpacas
Sue Zelazny	Andes Dandies, LLC

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

Steve Motioned that the 4 March 2007 Meeting Minutes be approved. Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2008 Symposium

- In response to some survey comments the Board considered other time frames for the Symposium. Board decided that with spring show and summer birthing conflicts the February time frame was the best time for the Symposium.
- Board decided Turningstone would not be used for the 2008 Symposium. The Desmond in Albany, Holiday Inn in Liverpool and the Saratoga Hotel were suggested as alternatives. Steve will contact the Desmond, Chris is waiting for a reply from Holiday Inn and John will contact the Saratoga Hotel.

Donations

- Cornell may start a research herd of alpacas. EAA may be asked for financial support.

2007 Extravaganza

- Both panel quotes are in with only a small difference between the two bidders. Board decided to stay with the traditional supplier.
- Scott identified a hand painted Christmas ornament for the volunteer's gift. Board decided a clothing item was preferable.

Marketing

- Brochure is still being reviewed but has been sent to printers for quotes.
- Based on survey results, Steve will go forward with establishing the NY I Love Llama and Alpaca Days on the same weekend as the AOBA National Alpaca Day.

Newsletter

- March edition was mailed out.
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Survey

- 107 members responded to the survey. Ann is developing a summary to share results with the membership.

Minutes

- Board decided to keep notes of discussion in the Minutes.

Next meeting is scheduled for 16 April 7:30 PM